

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 28

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A RESOLUTION urging the governor to accept funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and to deny funds to those legislative districts represented by those legislators who vote for legislation to refuse the federal funds.

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law; and

WHEREAS, the \$789 billion compromise package will provide \$3.8 billion for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, designed to save and create jobs, stimulate our economy, and transform our economy for long-term growth and stability, the American Recovery and Reinvestment act will: (1) create and save 3.5 million jobs, rebuilding America, making us more globally competitive and energy independent, and transforming our economy; (2) give 95 percent of American workers an immediate tax cut; (3) invest in roads, bridges, mass transit, energy efficient buildings, flood control, clean water projects, and other infrastructure projects; (4) restore science and innovation as the keys to new American-made technology, preventing and treating disease, and tackling urgent national challenges like climate change and dependence on foreign oil; and (5) invest quickly in the economy; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics released by the White House, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act could add or save up to 71,000 jobs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the \$3.8 billion in federal moneys allotted to the State of Tennessee will go far in helping to balance the State's budget and maintain the services the State provides to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon all members of the House of Representatives to accept the federal stimulus funds on behalf of the State of Tennessee and its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we urge the Governor to accept the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any legislator who votes for legislation to deny stimulus funding forfeits the member's pro rata share of funding to his or her district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Phil Bredesen.